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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

The Society.

Sec. 1.—This Society shall be known as The Ontario Dental Society.

Sec. 2.—The object of this Society shall be the mutual improvement of its members, and the advancement of the science of Dental Surgery and Oral Hygiene.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Sec. 1.—This Society shall consist of Active and Honorary members.

Sec. 2.—When necessary to have a list of Active members, the President and Secretary of the Society and the Representative of each District shall make a list for each district respectively, from the list of those who have paid the convention fee for the current year.

Sec. 3.—Such scientific and professional persons as the Society may deem advisable may be elected as Honorary members, by unanimous ballot, a list of such names to be kept on record by the Secretary.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of every Active member to take such part in the programme as shall be requested by the Programme Committee.

Sec. 5.—On recommendation of the Membership and Ethics Committee, any member may be expelled for unprofessional conduct, malpractice or immorality, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

Sec. 1.—The officers of this Society shall consist of Honorary President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Supervisor of Clinics and Curator of the Museum of the College, who shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 2.—The Executive Committee shall select ten names, from which the President shall select five, who shall act as a Nominating Committee to nominate the officers, representatives of districts and members of standing committees, and report to the convention of election.

Sec. 3.—No member may hold the same office for more than two successive terms, except the Secretary, Treasurer and Curator.

Sec. 4.—The Treasurer's duties shall be to receive all moneys, and pay the same only on order of the Chairman of Programme Commit-

tee; and to keep a list of those who pay the fee at each convention.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the meetings, and to conduct all correspondence, and to keep lists of Honorary and Active members and a list of those who pay the fee at each convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Committees.

Sec. 1.—The Standing Committees shall be Executive Committee, Programme Committee and Educational Committee.

Sec. 2.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society, the chairmen of standing committees, the members of the Programme Committee, and one representative from each electoral District. Seven shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3.—The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to have charge of the general business of the Society.

Sec. 4.—Programme Committee shall consist of five members resident in the city or town where next meeting is to be held. This committee shall organize immediately after the election and elect a chairman and secretary. Any officer of the Society resident in the same city or town shall be a member of the committee.

Sec. 5.—The duty of the Programme Committee shall be to prepare and have printed

and distributed to every Licentiate in the province, at least four weeks in advance, a programme for the annual convention, and to publish notice of the meeting in *Dominion Dental Journal* two months in advance.

Sec. 6.—Membership and Ethics Committee shall consist of the President of the Society, who shall be chairman, the Secretary of the Society and the representative from the electoral District concerned. If for any reason the representative fails to perform his duty the President shall appoint another representative from the District.

Sec. 7.—The duty of the Membership and Ethics Committee shall be, when a list of active members is required, to select from the Treasurer's list of those present at the last annual convention a list of those whom they consider to be conforming to the code of ethics of the Society. All members of this committee must agree before placing a name on this list. Those so selected shall be considered active members of the Society.

Sec. 8.—Clinic Committee shall consist of the Supervisor of Clinics, the District representatives and one other to be selected by the Supervisor, who shall be secretary of the committee. This committee shall have charge of the clinics at the convention.

Sec. 9.—The Educational Committee shall consist of five members (who shall reside in such proximity to one another that it may be convenient for them to meet from time to

time), together with the chairman of each local Educational Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise educational work in the province, working in so far as possible through local committees nominated by the local dentists. Such local committees shall report to the Ontario Educational Committee as well as to the local Society. The five elected members, together with local chairmen who reside sufficiently near to meet regularly, shall constitute the Executive of this committee. The Executive shall have power to act for the whole committee. Fifty per cent. of the members of this committee, or of the Executive thereof, shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 10.—Curator of the Museum—The Curator of the College Museum, as appointed by the Board of Directors, shall be considered as an officer of this Society and shall act as Archivist of the Society and shall have charge of all the belongings of the Society.

Sec. 11.—Any Licentiate attending the annual convention, whom the Membership and Ethics Committee have not placed on the list of members may appeal to the Society through the President, who shall present the appeal to the following session of the Society. If the appellant does not receive more than four negative votes, by ballot, he shall be elected a member of the Society. The members of the Membership and Ethics Committee shall not vote on the appeal.

Sec. 12.—Auditors—The President shall at the first session of the Society, after the reading of the minutes, appoint two Auditors for the Treasurer's accounts, who shall at once examine and report on the same.

Sec. 13.—At the written request of any ten Licentiates who have paid the convention fee for the current year, the Membership and Ethics Committee shall prepare a list of active members.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

Sec. 1.—The Regular meeting of this Society shall be held each year at such place as the Society may direct and such time as the Programme Committee may decide upon.

Sec. 2.—Eight members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3.—Every Licentiate in the province shall be welcome to attend the annual convention on payment of the fee of \$2.00. The Treasurer shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, a list of those, at each convention, who pay the prescribed fee.

ARTICLE VI.

Changes.

Sec. 1.—This Constitution may be amended or altered at any meeting, by a two-thirds

vote of the members present, notice of such amendment or alteration having been given at a previous session.

Sec. 2.—This Society may be dissolved at any time by a three-fourths vote of the members present, written notice of such proposed dissolution having been given by nine members at a previous meeting, and notice of such motion having been sent to all active members in good standing, at least three months before the Annual Meeting. The property of the Society to be disposed of as the Society directs.

By-Laws

Sec. 1.—

Order of Business.

- 1—Calling to Order.
- 2—Reading of Minutes.
- 3—Unfinished Business.
- 4—Appointment of Auditors.
- 5—Selection of Next Place of Meeting.
- 6—Report of Committees.
- 7—Report of Officers.
- 8—Election of Officers.
- 9—New Business.
- 10—Notices of Motion.
- 11—Programme.
- 12—Question Box.
- 13—Announcements.
- 14—Adjournment.

Sec. 2.—All motions and notices of motion shall be written, except votes of thanks, motions to reconsider, to adjourn, previous question, or to lay on the table.

Sec. 3.—Reports of committees, other than reports of progress, shall be in writing, and signed by the chairman.

Sec. 4.—The Society may, by a two-thirds vote, at any meeting, either alter, add to, strike out, or suspend any rule of order or by-law.

Sec. 5.—Any member may invite his friends who are not Licentiates in Ontario, to attend the meetings of the Society. Students of Dentistry shall be permitted to be present at the meetings.

Sec. 6.—The Executive Committee may close the clinics or demonstrations, to members only, if they deem it wise.

Sec. 7.—Any member arraigned before this Society, shall have served upon him, by the Secretary, a copy of the specific charges against him, at least one month previous to the time appointed for trial.

Sec. 8.—All the elections shall be by ballot and conducted by the Hare-Spence system.

Code of Ethics

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1.—The Dentist should be ever ready to respond to the reasonable wants of his patrons, and should fully recognize the obligations involved in his duties towards them, as, in many cases, they are unable to comprehend the operation or service performed, or to correctly estimate its value. The practitioner must be guided by his own sense of right in treating the cases, as his own superior knowledge dictates. His manner should be gentle and sympathetic, and yet sufficiently firm to enable him to secure the best results of his skill. He should gain the confidence of his patrons, not alone by the skillful performance of difficult operations, but also by attending carefully to the simple cases committed to his care.

Sec. 2.—The Dentist, without being obtrusive or pedantic, should impart such information to his patrons as his opportunities afford him, in regard to the causes and nature of the disease in the teeth, or adjacent parts, which he may be called upon to treat; and should explain to them the importance of availing themselves of such timely preventatives or remedies as he may deem necessary to their welfare. He should also communicate

such general information as shall enable them to exercise an intelligent appreciation of what the profession aims to accomplish.

Sec. 3.—The Dentist shall be temperate in all things, keeping both mind and body in the best possible health, that his patients may have the benefit of that clearness of judgment and skill which they have a right to expect.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1.—Every member of the dental profession is bound as such to maintain the honor and integrity of the profession. To this end he should himself be upright and courteous in his intercourse with the public, and his brethren in the profession.

Sec. 2.—It is unprofessional to resort to public advertisements, such as cards, handbills, posters or signs, calling attention to peculiar styles of work, photos, lithographs, or engravings made from wood, steel, or other materials; advertising free operations, prices for services, special modes of operating, or to claim superiority over neighboring practitioners; to publish reports of cases, or certificates in the public prints; to go from house to house soliciting or performing operations; to circulate or recommend nostrums, or to perform other similar acts. But nothing in this section shall be so construed as to imply that it is unprofessional for dentists to announce in the public press or by card, simply their names, occupation, and place of business.

or in the same manner to announce their removal, absence from or return to business, or to issue to their patients appointment cards.

Sec. 3.—The Dentist, when applied to for merely advice or temporary relief, by the patient of a reputable practitioner, whose services at that time he is unable to procure, should guard against disparaging the family dentist by hints, inquiries or any other means calculated to weaken the patient's confidence in him. At the same time the dentist should not, from too high a sense of professional courtesy to his neighboring practitioner, allow the interests of persons so applying for counsel or service, to be jeopardized.

Sec. 4.—When general rules shall have been adopted by members of the profession, practising in the same localities, in relation to fees, it is unprofessional and dishonorable to depart from these rules, except when variation of circumstances require it. And it is ever to be regarded as unprofessional to warrant operations or work as an inducement to patronage. It is also unprofessional to violate, or be a party to the violation, in letter or in spirit, of the dental law.

